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Dear Ms. Best:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST, FILE
NUMBER DON-USMC-2019-007147

This responds to your May 22, 2019, FOIA request for “any and all documents...that pertain to the WikiLeaks website or organization from January 2006 to the present date”, specifically including “emails, memos, notes, briefings, reports and other documents....” We controlled your request under file number **DON-USMC-2019-007147**.

We initiated searches by the Administration and Resource Management Division’s Information Systems Management Branch (ARI), the Counsel for the Commandant (CL), Marine Corps Cyberspace Operations Group (MCCOG), the Command, Control, Communications and Computers Department (C4), and the Communications Directorate (CD). ARI, MCCOG, C4, and CD provided the enclosed records. CL did not locate responsive records. In the course of processing your request, we identified two documents that fall under the cognizance of the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) and referred them to CENTCOM for release determination on July 2, 2019.

You will see that some information has been redacted from the enclosure. Specifically, individuals’ names and contact information have been withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(6), which prohibits disclosure of personal information when an individual’s privacy interest in it outweighs any public interest. Also, portions of the document that contain pre-decisional advice or recommendations have been withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(5), which protects communications that are part of the deliberative process. The purpose for withholding such recommendations is to encourage the free and candid exchange of opinions and advice during the decision-making process. Lastly, information that would disclose techniques and procedures has been withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E).

If you consider this to be an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal directly within FOIAonline. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the “Create New” tab in the left-hand column and select “Appeal”. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to the Judge Advocate General (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a statement indicating why you believe it should be granted.

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You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at (703) 697-0031 or Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or (877) 684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

The Office of the Judge Advocate General has categorized you as a "media requester" for the purpose of assessing FOIA processing fees. As such, you are entitled to 100 pages of duplication free of charge but are responsible for the payment of any fees beyond that. In this instance, duplication costs did not exceed your free entitlement so there is no charge for processing your request.

I am the official responsible for this determination. Should you have questions about this action, please contact Mr. Michael Peters of my staff at (703) 614-4008, via e-mail to hqmcfoia@usmc.mil, or fax at (703) 614-6287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. A. Hughes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

S. A. HUGHES
Head, FOIA/PA Programs

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